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Dennis Unsworth
Commissioner of Political Practices
1205 Eighth Ave
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Dennis

Dear Dennis Unsworth:

Attached is the documentation for a broadcast ad titled "Meltdown" which the Montana Democratic Party is running as an independent expenditure in SD 2.

I am certifying that the content of this ad is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge as required by MCA 13-35-240.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Art Noonan", written over a horizontal line.

Art Noonan
Executive Director



“Meltdown”
Ad Back-Up
Montana Democratic Party - SD2
Television - :30

SCRIPT	FACTS
<p>ANNCR: Brittany MacLean is fighting for a small business tax cut to keep jobs here.</p> <p>And as a mother of four, she'll invest in education and healthcare.</p>	<p>Senate District 22 candidate Brittany MacLean has said: "Priorities like health care and education need to be first on our list, not tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy," "we need smart tax policy that helps Montana businesses, not large out of state corporations," and "we should increase the Business Equipment Tax exemption to exempt up to the first \$250,000 of equipment, eliminating this tax for all small businesses." [brittanymaclean.com]</p>
<p>Ryan Zinke? He'll give huge property tax breaks to major corporations.</p>	<p>On Zinke's website under "Issue Positions and Priorities," Zinke writes that he would "Eliminate the Montana Equipment Tax." [Zinke for Senate, zinkeforsenate.com]</p> <p>A mail piece supporting his campaign promises that Ryan Zinke will "Eliminate the business equipment tax." [Republican Party Campaign Mailer: September, 2008.]</p> <p>A complete elimination of the business equipment tax—rather than raising the exemption as Ms. MacLean proposes—would translate into huge tax breaks for large corporations as they are the ones purchasing equipment that would surpass the exemption and they are the ones that would benefit from such a policy. [Montana Department of Revenue, testimony to the 2007 Legislature, 2007 Regular Session]</p>
<p>Significantly cut funding for schools.</p>	<p>According to Zinke's Project Vote Smart survey, as a legislator Zinke would "greatly decrease Property Taxes." [Project Vote Smart, votesmart.org]</p> <p>A mail piece supporting his campaign promises that Ryan Zinke will "Provide permanent, across-the-board property tax reductions." [Republican Party Campaign Mailer: September, 2008.]</p> <p>Millions of dollars of funding for schools comes from property taxes. If "permanent, across-the-board property tax reductions" are made, public schools will lose the critical source of their funding. Zinke proposes <u>NO</u> source of replacement revenue to prevent schools from losing this funding.</p>

	[Montana Office of Public Instruction, mt.gov]
And give more tax breaks to the super wealthy.	<p>A mail piece supporting his campaign promises that Ryan Zinke will "Lower state income tax rates". [Republican Party Campaign Mailer: September, 2008.]</p> <p>According to an analysis provided by the Montana Department of Revenue, a 1%, across the board income tax cut would result in over \$120 million dollars of lost state revenue. The analysis shows that 22% of that cut would go to the top ½ of 1% of the population. Moreover, 36% of those dollars will go to the top 2% of the population. [Montana Department of Revenue State Income Tax Analysis]</p>
ON SCREEN: Paid for by the Montana Democratic Party, Brenda Schye, Treasurer, PO Box 802, Helena, MT, 59624	

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